

# Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)

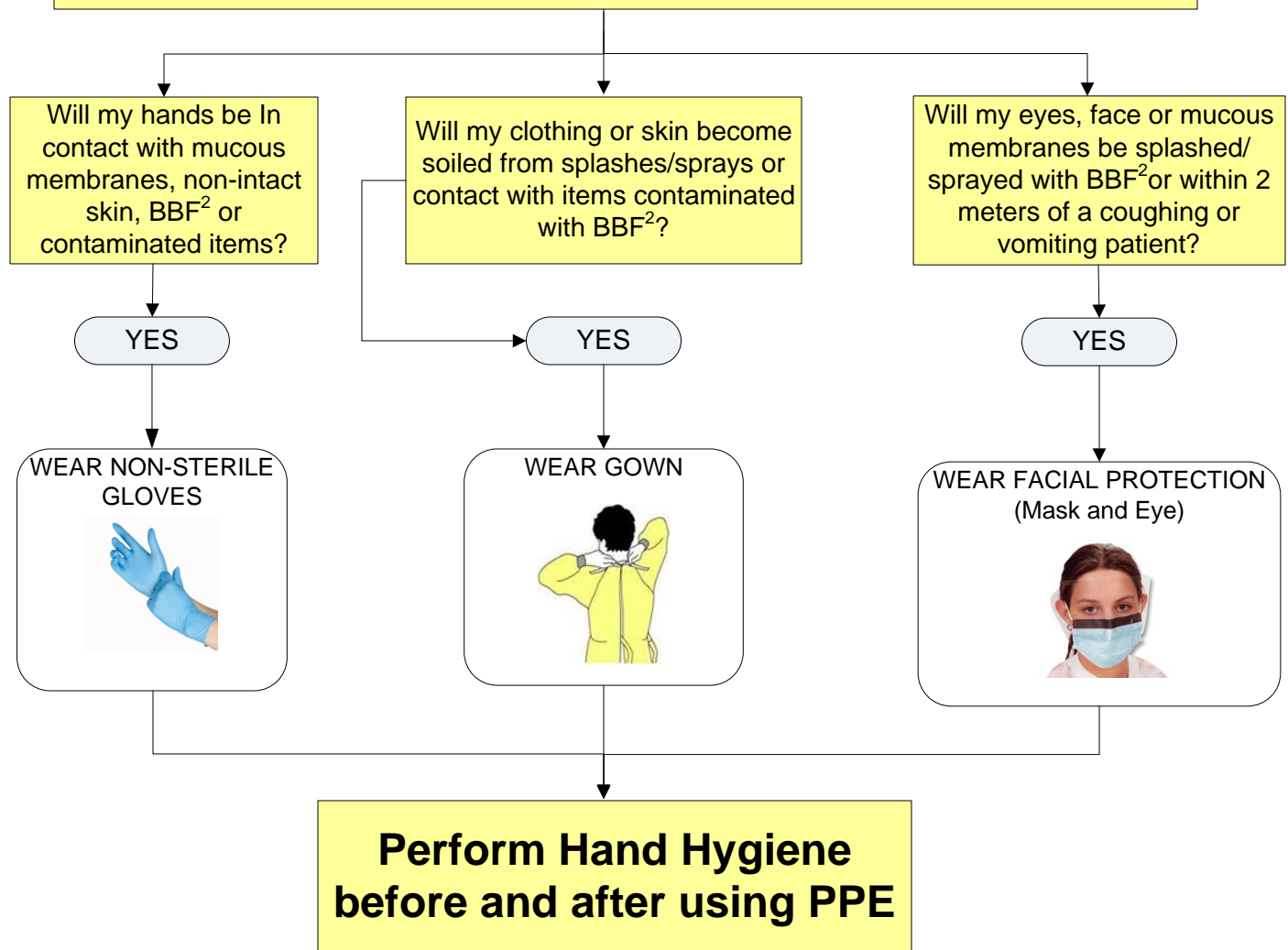
## **ASSESS the TASK, the PATIENT and the ENVIRONMENT<sup>1</sup> Prior to EACH PATIENT CONTACT**

Performing a PCRA is the first step in routine practices.

**Routine Practices** are to be used with **all patients** for **all care** at **all times**.

This will help you decide what, if any, personal protective equipment (PPE) you need to wear to protect yourself and to prevent the spread of germs.

A PCRA is to be performed prior to contact with every patient, every time even if the patient has been placed on **Additional Precautions** as more PPE may be required.



Refer to  
How to Use PPE Safely and Effectively poster for correct order for putting on and removing PPE & hand hygiene steps  
Refer to PCRA Best Practice Guideline

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>**Environment** = any area within 2 meters of the patient as well as their belongings and bathroom or the immediate space around a patient that may be touched by the patient AND may also be touched by the health care provider when providing care or performing tasks

<sup>2</sup>**BBF** = Blood and Body Fluids (includes: urine, feces, wound drainage, saliva, vomit, CSF, sputum, nasal secretions, semen, vaginal secretions)